Lacunae in Persons with Disabilities Act

687. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are many lacunae in the provisions for Persons with Disabilities Act, 1995;

(b) whether it is a fact that many categories of disabled persons are not covered in the Act; and

(c) if so, the action taken to rectify the deficiency?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) to (c) In the last ten years of implementation of the Act, number of suggestions for improvement including the clauses relating to definitions have been received. Amendment to the Act would be taken up in consultation with the civil society and other stakeholders after the UN Convention on the rights of person with disabilities is ratified by India.

Scheme for upliftment of disabled

688. SHRI T.R. ZELIANG: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any plans and programmes for upliftment of disabled in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of funds allocated during the last three years under these schemes, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. The details are available in the Annual Report and also on the website of the Ministry at www.socialjustice.nic.in

(c) The Scheme-wise details of funds allocated during the last three years are given in the Statement (*See* below). However, the funds are not allocated State-wise.